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Title:Need to resume train services between Haldibari and Sealdah via Chilahati and Parbatipur in Bangladesh.

SHRIMATI MINATI SEN (JALPAIGURI): On behalf of millions of citizens from North Bengal and from Jalpaiguri district in particular, I am once again drawing the kind attention of Government of India for resumption of train services between Haldibari to Sealdah via Chilahati and Parbatipur in Bangladesh. The resumption of the train service will be in consonance with Article VIII of the Indo-Bangladesh Trade Agreement 1980 which states that 'The two governments agree to make mutually beneficial arrangement for the use of their waterways, railways and roadways for commerce between two countries and for passing of goods between two places in one country through the territory of the other." However, years have passed and in the mean time new Government under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina has taken over the charge of the Government of Bangladesh. It is the high time to take up the matter of resumption of rail service through Bangladesh which will benefit India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan since it will take only few hours to reach Sealdah from Haldibari and only 5-6 kilometres of track will have to be laid.